number of labour laws such as the Factories Act, 1948, the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, the Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966, Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, Dowry (Prohibition) Act, 1961, Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 and the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 etc. to protect women against social discrimination, violence and atrocities and impose obligations on the employers with regard to providing special facilities for women and preventing any form of discrimination.

Government is implementing programmes of (a) Support Services such as working women hostels, creches, facily counselling centres etc; and (b) Awareness Generation for Women and dissemination of information against/ regarding their rights through legal literacy. Efforts are also made through print and electronic media to project positive images of women in society and to bring about changes in societal attitudes towards women.

Further, the National Commission for Women set up under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990, is also charged with the responsibility of overseeing the implementation of the various laws dealing with safeguards for women including working women.

Review of functioning of Libraries in KVs

5682. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the functioning of libraries of Kendriya Vidyalayas has not been reviewed during the last 30 years of their existence;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating a comprehensive study by experts with a view to improving their working; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) The functioning of libraries of Kendriya Vidyalayas has been one of the items taken up for specific review by the Dr. B.D. Sharma Committee set up by the Government of India in 1987 and by the recent review committee under the Chairpersonship of the Dy. Minister for Education & Culture.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Annual Growth of Kendriya Vidyalayas

5683. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the annual growth of Kendriya Vidyalayas since their inception with regard to the sector-wise number, enrolment, staff and school buildings staff quarters and hostels etc.;

(b) whether this growth rate matches with the admission and other demands; and

(c) what steps Government have been contemplating to ensure that the growth rate matches with the demands hereupon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) Details indicating the students' enrolment and staff strength in respect of Kendriya Vidyalayas since the inception of the scheme as well as distribution of Kendriya Vidyalaya sector-wise, are given in the enclosed statement. *(see below)*

The number of school buildings sanctioned till 1994-95 is 247 and staff